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Summary of Events
20 November - 3 December 1956

The most significant features of the Sino-Soviet Bloc effort to expand economic relations with the Free World during the period 20 November - 3 December 1956 were the actual and proposed movements of Soviet and Chinese Communist economic missions and technical groups into Asiatic underdeveloped countries and the implementation of Sino-Soviet trade agreements with Uruguay.

A Soviet economic mission of 16 members and a group of 8 Chinese Communist technicians both arrived in Cambodia during this period. In addition, India contracted for 26 Soviet oil experts who will arrive in India in mid-December to work on projects in the Punjab area, and Burma contracted for a team of Soviet agricultural advisers.

Uruguay's trade with the Sino-Soviet Bloc included the delivery in Uruguay of 2,700 tons of cotton from the USSR and the signing of a contract with Communist China calling for the export of over \$3.6 million of wool tops within 4 months.

Other significant features of the Sino-Soviet Bloc economic drive include the following:

1. The economic position of the Soviet Bloc in Syria was strengthened during the past 2 months, and trade in cotton and oil has increased sharply. The import of additional arms into Syria also was being arranged.
2. The USSR has proposed in the UN that international trade be furthered by the establishment of an international trade organization within the framework of the UN.
3. The efforts of Czechoslovakia to increase trade with Argentina have been successful, but an East German trade mission has left Brazil, having failed to conclude a trade or payments agreement.

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Page 7, 3d paragraph, line 11: For \$16-million
read \$6-million

Page 8, 1st paragraph, line 3: For Bloc countries which
have been paying world market prices
read Bloc countries which have been paying above world
market prices

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